

STURT, NORTH, PORT, AND GLENELG WIN FOOTBALL MATCHES

ALL-IN GAME AT THEBARTON

Red-and-Whites Finish Too Strongly for Torrens

McKENZIE AND BRIDGMAN GREAT IN RUCK

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Leading at the end of each of the first three terms at Thebarton today, Torrens were unable to withstand a determined last-quarter rush by North, and were defeated by 10 points. Torrens were again handicapped by injuries to players in the closing stages of the contest.

The game, played in a good spirit, was interesting throughout, the outstanding feature being the free use of weight. Both sides displayed all the vigor they had at their command, but the Torrens ruck excelled—until the final term. In this section McKenzie and Bridgman starred, and the latter player was the best man on the ground. Torrens erred in working these two players too much in the first three terms.

It was Farmer's improved form after half-time that swung the game to North. The crack goalgetter finished the day with seven to his credit, five of them coming in the second half.

Farmer gave North the lead with his seventh goal, and 11 minutes before time Munn broke through his run of iniors with a long-distance drop-kick goal.

The game was willing, Torrens battling hard to make up the leeway. Frogley, who had been defending well, although matched against the experienced and dashing Hamilton, was then incapacitated with a hip injury.

Although out of luck, Torrens still battled gamely, and Bridgman, with two minutes to go, scored a goal. The home team returned to the attack once more, but North held them until the bell.

The game was most evenly contested. North have a good side, and I do not think that they are yet at their top.

Farmer is a great forward, and his ability to mark the ball makes him a difficult player to check.

Burton seems to have found his right place at centre half-back, and Taylor did well at centre half-forward. McDowall's roving is first class this season.

With Parker absent, Torrens have a weakness at centre. One factor that contributed to their falling away in the last term was that they endeavored to play the game with three ruckmen—Bridgman, McKenzie, and Williamson.

NORTH 2-1 5-8 9-13 14-16

TORRENS 6-4 7-5 11-6 14-6

Goalkeepers.—North—Farmer (7), Hamilton (3), Taylor (2), McIntosh, and Munn. Torrens—Bridgman (4), Waite, and McKenzie (each 3), Harris (2), Phillips, and Russell.

Best Players.—North—Taylor, Hamilton, Farmer, Burton, McDowall, Drew, Willshire. Torrens—Bridgman, McKenzie, Russell, Head, Conroy, Frogley, Shepherd.

SPEED—SYSTEM

Sturt Too Good for South

Sturt were faster and more systematic than South, who were defeated at Unley by 33 points.

The losers showed their best form in the second quarter, when they threatened to extend their opponents. They failed in the third term. The superb defence of the double-blues was most pronounced, and kept the South attackers from scoring more than one point.

The game was played in a good spirit, despite the hard bumping.

STURT 6-5 10-7 13-12 14-13

SOUTH 2-2 7-5 7-6 9-10

Best Players.—Sturt—Simon, Bateman King, Martin, Payne, Wadham, Treleaves and Leak. South—Tully, Masters, Ramsay, Rose, Hall, Ryan and Hewitt.

Goalkeepers.—Sturt—Morton, (4) Johnston, Payne (each 3), Martin and Munn (each 2). South—Hewitt (4), Gardiner, Hall (each 2), and Hebbard.

GLENELG WIN

Norwood Downed by Nine Points

Keenly fought throughout, and with neither team at any stage with a commanding lead, the match between Glenelg and Norwood at Adelaide Oval kept the spectators in a high pitch of excitement. Glenelg won by nine points.

Norwood were slightly superior in the air, but the seiders evened this up by being a little faster to the ball. It was by making better use of opportunities in front of goal that Glenelg finally won.

At one stage in the last quarter the seiders looked as though they would throw the game away by handling their opponents, but they staged a dashing finish.

Promise of a keen game attracted a fair crowd. Both teams took the field as published. In the absence through injury of Handby, Hill led Glenelg and Sallis was appointed vice-captain. Umpire L. C. Thomas had charge of the game. It was his first league match.

Hill won the toss and took advantage of the breeze, which favored the northern goal. Hack secured at the bounce, but his kick was marked by Mutton, who turned the attack. Rosewarne sent Glenelg forward again. Owens picked up in a scrimmage, but a hasty kick went out of bounds. The seiders were not to be denied, and Hack booted a goal from a free.

Glenelg again started dangerously. Siggins drove them out, and Wadham and P. McCallum initiated a move which culminated in a goal from Plumstead. Wadham and W. McCallum again took the ball to the goalmouth, but Palmer wasted the opportunity.

Page broke a Glenelg offensive and began a counter attack. Miller marked and cleared, but Norwood came again, and Palmer goaled.

Marking well from Thompson, Ron Edwards had a shot from close in. The ball kept low, and Ackland cleared. Owens marked in a bunch, and a long shot yielded full points. P. McCallum and Ross combined to give Hill a chance. His shot went across the goalmouth, and Miller cleared. Again Hill secured with easy distance, but a single was the only result.

First Quarter

GLENELG 3-1

NORWOOD 2-3

Through the agency of Wadham and Palmer McDougall got possession close in and goaled. Hack and Rosewarne then gave Owens a chance, and he also made no mistake. A long shot by P. McCallum brought up one flag. Hale drove Norwood out, but Wadham ran in and goaled with a long shot.

Fine marks by Hill and Hack gave the seiders a chance to score. From a scrimmage Rosewarne booted a single, which was followed in quick succession by others from Owens, Wiess, Owens, and Wundersitz.

Securing cleverly Hill forwarded to Owens, who this time made no mistake. P. McCallum placed Wadham in possession, and a long shot called up one flag. The seiders quickly returned to the attack, and a determined thrust brought a goal from Owens.

Plumstead mulled a golden opportunity when the Glenelg backmen were out of position. His shot went out of bounds. Wadham made amends by goaling after an easy mark.

A quick move by Glenelg culminated in a goal from Wundersitz. Taking a difficult mark from Plumstead Woodroffe added a point from a long shot. When Glenelg seemed certain to succeed Ackland and Ross turned them back. Woodroffe added another single and then achieved first success, a long shot calling up both flags. A point from Palmer and a goal from P. McCallum quickly followed.

TODAY'S ATTENDANCES

Thebarton	6,799
Adelaide	5,914
Unley	4,431
Albion	4,070
Total	21,214

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	Pts. For	Pts. Ag.	Pts. Prom.
Port	4	4	—	456	276	8
Sturt	4	4	—	387	273	8
North	4	3	1	428	306	6
Norwood	4	2	2	389	457	4
Torrens	4	1	3	352	377	2
South	4	1	3	313	346	2
Glenelg	4	1	3	315	339	2
West	4	—	4	248	454	—

LEADING GOALKICKERS

Farmer (North)	25
Dayman (Port)	23
Waite (Torrens)	19
Palmer (Norwood)	18
Owens (Glenelg)	16
Gardiner (South)	14
A. Smith (Sturt)	13
Thompson (Glenelg)	10

PORT STEADY

West Fade After First Half

West gave Port an anxious time until early in the third quarter at the Albarion Oval. Then the muggies took command and won easily by 57 points.

One of the outstanding features of the match was the dominating influence of Sexton and Solomon at centre and centre-wing respectively for West. Experience told on the younger side, however, and in the last half the more steady play of Port, who settled down to a systematic display, won the day.

The red-and-blacks were beaten in the air, but in all other departments they held their own until they broke before the steadiness of the opposition.

PORT 2-3 7-5 12-9 18-12

WEST 4-3 5-5 8-6 9-9

Goalkeepers.—Port—Dayman (6), Wayne (4), E. Hender (3), Beer and N. Terrell (each 2), and V. Johnson. West—McGrath (2), Hannam, Molan, Golding, Simons, Hill, Oliver, and Connell.

Best Players.—Port—Johnson, Ween, Allingham, Thompson, E. Hender, H. Terrell, Beer. West—Soloman, Connell, Branson, Matthews, Sexton, Hannam, Hamilton, Simons.

PORT VETERAN

Dayman Takes Part in 150th Game

Port Adelaide has had long service from Dayman. When the goalsneak played against West Adelaide on Albarion Oval this afternoon it was his 150th match for the muggies.

Starting in 1921, he is in his eleventh season. With interstate and carnival matches he has played 175 games of league football.

CLOSE-UPS OF PLAYERS IN LEAGUE GAMES TODAY

PAGE defended soundly for Norwood, and probably gave the Glenelg attack more trouble than any of his teammates. He marks well, and disposes of the ball with judgment.

HILL played an excellent game at centre wing for Glenelg. In spite of his lack of inches he can hold his own with most opponents in the air, and always disposes of the ball with a well-directed kick.

GLENELG half-back line, comprising Sallis, Hale, and Oliver, was responsible for a capital display against Norwood. Sallis is rapidly reaching his best form, and it was the most effective performance of Hale for the seiders.

OLIVER, who is in his first season of league football, promises to be among the outstanding newcomers in the game this season.

OPENING at half-forward, Hannam was called on to fill many roles for West against Port today. He roved and played at centre wing. In spite of the many changes, however, he played a solid game, and was one of the most prominent men on the ground.

JOHNSON was one of the most effective players for Norwood. He was particularly conspicuous when roving. He always disposed of the ball to the best effect, and in addition to kicking two well-merited goals, was responsible for assisting in the securing of others.

OWENS, Glenelg crack goalsneak, had a successful day against Norwood, booting seven goals and six behinds from thirteen shots. Most of the singles were secured from snapshots when he had little chance of gauging the direction of the shot.

WADHAM played a great game for Sturt. This dashing defender was in his element when the task was most difficult. He uses excellent judgment in leading out, and seldom erred in picking out a comrade.

SOLOMAN was one of the best for West against Port today. He was hampered by a leg injury from the third quarter, but until then had held one wing safe for his side. Connell (ruck) had the best of the play in that department. Hamilton (back and ruck) also played a good game.

HARRIS and Drury played their first games for Torrens today. Each gives promise of making good. Fleet, Shepherd, and Quinn were useful for the red-and-blues.

RUSSELL was effective for Torrens at half-forward. He should be left in that position for future games.

NO man on the ground was better than Sexton for the greater portion of the match between Port and West. The West centreman was at the top of his form, and dominated the play. He covered a great amount of territory, but tired toward the end of the game. Matthews (half-back) and Simons (ruck) were two solid performers.

ROSS, Norwood centreman, injured a knee and left the field at a critical stage in the last quarter of the match between Glenelg and Norwood. It is believed that the injury will not be serious.

RYAN was of material assistance to South. This player was at times out-marked by Bateman, but generally his play was of a high order. He is one of the most consistent players in the league.

MCDOWALL appears to have an excellent chance of being one of the State rovers this season. He is in tip-top form.



D. McKenzie

McKENZIE is the football find of the season. The Torrens ruckman plays the game more strongly than any other league player. In today's vigorous game McKenzie tore through the crushes without much inconvenience—that is, to himself. McKenzie is a good mark, and plays fairly. He is a coming champion, and a probable interstate-player in his first season.

NORTH ruckmen were overshadowed at Thebarton day. Munn did best, and Furler battled vigorously throughout.

ONE of the most tenacious and effective battlers for South was Tully (vice-captain). Throughout an arduous game he was continually prominent. He was playing as strongly at the finish of the game as he was at the start.

TAYLOR was as good as any for North at Thebarton. His marking and ground play made him a source of constant danger to Torrens.

UNTIL injured, Frogley did well for Torrens. He had the difficult task of watching Hamilton, and, although the North player was one of the best for his side, Frogley's display was little inferior.

Second Quarter

NORWOOD 7-8

GLENELG 7-7

Norwood were first to attack, but Sallis drove them out. Glenelg carried the ball to the other end, where Griffiths notched a single. Play hovered round midfield for a time, and then Link shot from a bunch and goaled from a fair distance out.

Griffiths had another try, and once more one flag was raised. Owens did better and goaled with a long drop-kick. A few moments later he marked close in from Griffiths. The sun appeared to trouble him and the shot added a point.

Norwood made a dash down the grandstand wing, and the effort ended in a goal from Palmer. The easterners returned to the attack, and a faulty kick by a Glenelg defender put P. McCallum in possession. He ran in and booted full points.

The seiders were handling their opponents, and a series of frees enabled Norwood to maintain the pressure. When Woodroffe was given a free within distance matters appeared serious for Glenelg, but the shot went out of bounds. Johnson marked and ended the suspense by goaling.

On the bounce Glenelg advanced and a single came. Norwood retaliated with a similar effort, and Johnson secured smartly and forwarded to Palmer. A goal resulted.

Scrimmages were becoming more frequent as the game progressed. Oliver gave Ron Edwards a chance, and both flags were raised. Link and Owens created a dangerous situation, which was relieved by a brilliant effort on the part of Ackland.

Owens put on another single, and then a goal. The latter was the result of clever work by Hill.

Third Quarter

GLENELG 11-14

NORWOOD 11-9

Hill started a forward move and Owens had a long shot from a free. It was marked on the line by Sawley. The seiders continued to press the advantage and Thompson called up both flags. Once more they dashed forward and their thirteenth goal came when Link kicked the ball off the ground in a scrimmage. Plumkett put Norwood temporarily in charge and P. McCallum booted a single off the ground.

Owens outwitted Ackland and took a brilliant mark, followed by an easy goal. Norwood dashed goalward, and Palmer snapped the maximum. Page was prominent in defence and at the other end Ellis rendered service for Glenelg. A long kick from the centre of the field by Wadham was marked by Woodroffe, and he made no mistake.

The match was ending in a ding-dong finish and the crowd was worked up to a high pitch of excitement. Norwood were indulging in too much handball.

Sallis had one leg of his knickers torn off and at the same time was penalised for holding the ball. From the resultant free Johnson kicked a goal, leaving the easterners four points behind. Page and Woodroffe were under notice for dashing play. Plumstead called up one flag.

Another point was booted off the ground from a wild scrimmage in front of the Norwood goal, leaving them still two points in arrears. Players of both teams were tiring. At last Glenelg broke away. After several wild scrimmages Wundersitz was given a free, but only a point came. The same player marked from the kick-off, however, and passed to Owens. This time both flags were called up.

Ross (Norwood centreman) had left the field. The seiders were attacking as the bell rang.

Final

GLENELG 15-15

NORWOOD 14-12

Goalkeepers.—Glenelg—Owens (7), Thompson (3), Link (2), Wundersitz, Ron Edwards, Hack. Norwood—Palmer (4), Woodroffe (3), Johnson, Wadham, P. McCallum (2), McDougall.

Best Players.—Glenelg—Hill, Sallis, Owens, Oliver, Shakes, Hack, Wiess. Norwood—Page, Johnson, Sotrell, Siggins, Woodroffe, Wadham, P. McCallum.

FARMER scored seven goals at Thebarton. Although opposed by Stokes noted for vigor, Farmer was particularly free from attention. Stokes made the ball his objective all the time, and generally found Farmer a little too good in the air. Farmer's kicking was at fault in the second term.

HAMILTON may not be the Hamilton of old, but he is still a star. His naturally clever handling of the ball makes football appear easy.

LOCK had the better of his contest with Pontifex at centre today. The Torrens player should be used in defence.

BURTON was one of North's best today. His play at centre half-back doing much to secure victory for his side. Willshire was a hard worker, but May and Conroy were not prominent.

ALLINGHAM was the best man for Port against West today. His solid play in the back lines pulled a rattled set of defenders together when the game was going against his side. Turning out of the crushes, he played cleverly, and always found a team mate with his passes. Mott (in the opposite back pocket) and Thompson (ruck and half-forward) were also consistent.

HEAD was one of Torrens' best, his play in a back pocket being effective. He always got his kick. Conroy was also effective in the backlines.

JOHNSON battled hard in the ruck all day for Port against West. He pulled his team together well, and played a solid game when placed forward. Ween (centre half-back) and Beer (centre half-forward) were among the best of a side all the members of which did well.

E. HENDER showed his best form in league games for Port against West today. His roving was better than previously, and his forward work was much improved. E. Terrell (half-back) and Dayman (whose kicking was not as accurate as usual) were among the best of the others.



J. Hamilton